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TAGS: OVIP(PRINCE MUHAMMAD BIN TALAL)
SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. OF JORDANIAN PRINCE MUHAMMAD

1. PALACE PROTOCOL HAS CONTACTED US WITH REQUEST FROM KING HUSSEIN FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN PRIVATE AND PERSONAL VISIT WHICH KING HUSSEIN HAS APPROVED OF KING'S BROTHER PRINCE MUHAMMAD AND FAMILY. VISIT WOULD BE FROM MARCH 25 - APRIL 9 FOR PURPOSE OF SIGHTSEEING.

2. NO OFFICIAL CALLS ARE REQUESTED. PRINCE'S MAIN INTEREST IS IN TAKING HIS FAMILY TO DISNEY WORLD, BUT HE WILL ALSO STOP IN WASHINGTON, NEW ORLEANS, LAS VEGAS, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES FOR SIGHTSEEING PURPOSES.

3. PRINCE'S ADC MAJ. GEN. SHAFIQ JUMEAN (RECENTLY JORDANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN U.S.) IS SUPERVISING VISIT AND WILL ACCOMPANY PRINCE AND FAMILY. ALL SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

4. PALACE INDICATED KING HUSSEIN REQUESTS INFORMALLY THAT, IF POSSIBLE, DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TWO SECURITY GUARDS AND ONE PROTOCOL ESCORT FOR PRINCE DURING HIS
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VISIT, AND ALSO ARRANGE FOR ACCOMPANYING JORDANIAN SECURITY GUARDS (ONE WITH PRINCE AND TWO WITH PRINCE'S FAMILY) BE PERMITTED TO EACH HAVE HAND WEAPONS WITH THEM. ALSO JUMEAN REQUESTED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PARTY IN ENTRY PROCEDURES AT AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

5. ALL DETAILS OF THE VISIT (HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRAVEL, ETC.) ARE BEING HANDLED BY JORDANIAN PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN STEVE MCCARTHY. JUMEAN SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM AND ALSO, AT SOME POINT TOUCH BASE WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR ABDULLAH SALAH WHO WILL SHORTLY BE INFORMED OF VISIT.

6. JUMEAN SAID PRINCE MUHAMMAD WILL DO FULL PROGRAM LISTED BELOW, ACCOMPANIED BY JUMEAN AND ONE JORDANIAN GUARD. HE WILL LEAVE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN IN DISNEY WORLD MARCH 31 WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN FOR A FEW DAYS AND THEN EITHER SEPARATELY DEPART FROM U.S. OR JOIN MUHAMMAD IN WASHINGTON. JUMEAN SAID NO PROTOCOL ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR THEIR SEPARATE PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED.

7. TENTATIVE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1978

ARRIVAL TO WASHINGTON AND STAY AT WATERGATE HOTEL

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1978-WASHINGTON

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1978-ARRIVAL AT DISNEY WORLD.

RESERVATION OF TEN ROOMS AT POLYNESIAN HOTEL FOR TEN DAYS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1978-PROGRAM IN DISNEY WORLD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1978-PROGRAM IN DISNEY WORLD

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1978-PROGRAM IN DISNEY WORLD

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1978-DEPARTURE FOR NEW ORLEANS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1978-PROGRAM IN NEW ORLEANS. RESERVATION OF A SUITE AND FIVE ROOMS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1978-ARRIVAL AT LAS VEGAS. RESERVATION OF A SUITE AND FIVE ROOMS AT CEASAR'S PALACE HOTEL.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1978-IN LAS VEGAS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1978-ARRIVAL AT SAN FRANCISCO. RESERVATION OF A SUITE AND FIVE ROOMS IN FAIRMOUNT HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1978-PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1978

ARRIVAL AT LOS ANGELES. RESERVATION OF A SUITE AND FIVE ROOMS AT BEVERLY WILTSHIRE HOTEL.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1978-LOS ANGELES

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1978-LOS ANGELES

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1978-ARRIVAL AT WASHINGTON. RESERVATION OF A SUITE AND FIVE ROOMS AT WATERGATE HOTEL.

8. PRINCE MUHAMMAD'S PARTY IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCE MUHAMMAD BIN TALAL

PRINCESS FIRYAL, PRINCE GHAZI (AGE 12), PRINCE TALAH (AGE 14)

MAJ. GEN. SHAFIQ JUMEAN (ADC)

DR. ZIAD, PHYSICIAN

LESLIE BEAUVENT, NURSE (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL)

MARIA BIANCA, MAID AND VALET (ITALIAN NATIONAL)
THREE JORDANIAN SECURITY GUARDS

9. COMMENT: WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
AS MUCH OF THE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF KING HUSSEIN'S PERSONAL
APPROVAL OF AND INTEREST IN THE VISIT AND FACT THAT
PRINCE MUHAMMAD IS SO MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. AS DEPARTMENT
IS AWARE, HIS ESCORT GENERAL JUMEAN IS HIGHLY
EXPERIENCED AND ABLE IN DEALING WITH HIGH LEVEL
JORDANIAN VISITS TO U.S.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT LET US KNOW
RESPONSE TO REQUESTS IN PARA. 4 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT
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WE CAN PASS ON TO PALACE AND JUMEAN. AMBASSADOR WILL
BE SEEING PRINCE MUHAMMAD ON ANOTHER MATTER EVENING
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